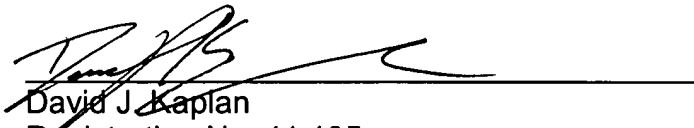## REMARKS

Claims 1-28 were submitted for examination. Applicants cancelled claims 1-28 and added new claims 29-50. Applicants respectfully submit that these amendments do not add new matter. Examination of the above-identified patent application as amended is respectfully requested.

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APPENDIX A

<u>VERSION OF SPECIFICATION AND CLAIMS</u>

<u>WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE</u>

<u>IN THE TITLE</u>

Change the title to – METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONDITIONALLY

EXECUTING A PREDICATED INSTRUCTION --.

<u>IN THE SPECIFICATION</u>

On page 2, line 4, insert – This is a continuation of patent application number

09/224,414, filed December 31, 1998. --.

<u>IN THE CLAIMS</u>

Claims 1-28 are cancelled, so no marked-up version is shown for these claims.

Claims 29-50 are newly added, so no marked-up version is shown for these

claims.

<u>IN THE ABSTRACT</u>

Delete the abstract and replace with the following:

--In one method, a predicted predicate value may be determined. A predicated

instruction is then conditionally executed depending on the predicted predicate value.

For example, in accordance with one embodiment of the present invention, a predicate

table stores historical information corresponding to a predicate. A pipeline coupled to

the table receives a predicted predicate value calculated from the historical information.

The pipeline may use this predicted predicate value to conditionally execute a

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predicated instruction. The actual predicate value is provided back to the predicate

table from the pipeline. --